



First Presbyterian Church of Defiance

October 29, 2023 – Reformation Sunday

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Welcome to First Presbyterian Church of Defiance.
As you enter this holy space, please enter with reverence,
respecting those who are preparing for worship.

GATHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remember to get your pledge card into the church. Plan to stay for coffee hour today.

Monday: 10 am Coat Sorting

Tuesday: Deacon Calling

Wednesday: WeKirk and Youth Meet- WeKirk begins their November food drive.

Thursday: 10 am Coat Sorting

Sunday, Nov. 5 is All Saints Sunday. We will take time to remember those we have lost this year.

PRAYER IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The church reformed and always being reformed.

P: According to the Word of God.

L: The core of our faith never changes.

P: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength.

L: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

P: All the rest flows from the commandment to love. We worship the God of Love!

HYMN 63*THE LORD IS GOD*****CALL TO CONFESSION**

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. You know how often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. Remind us again of the example of Jesus, who taught how to love you with all that we are, and our neighbors, even enemies, as ourselves...

SILENT CONFESSION**ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven

***THE PEACE**

L: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

P: And also, with you.

L: Please share signs of peace with one another.

HYMN 582*GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME****HEAR****WeKIRK WORD****SCRIPTURE READING****MATTHEW 22:34-36**

SERMON

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT AND A KOAN

RESPOND

HYMN 697

TAKE MY LIFE, STANZAS 1,2,4,6

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING NOTE

The offering plates are at the doors of the sanctuary to receive your gifts & pledge cards.

A WORD FROM THE SESSION

SCATTER TO SERVE

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Liturgy written adapted from that written by Teri McDowell Ott for Presbyterian Outlook

PLEASE PRAY FOR Craig Richards, Marty Retcher, Wilma Sponsler & daughter, Helen, Lynn Peters, Alton Myers, Sheron Lee, Scott Solether, Jack Hess, Dave Roth (Youkers), Karen Solether, Dick (Wilma Sponsler), Bill Kerr (Norm Wasson), Nancy Black, The family of Floyd Culver, Karen Barber, Karl Leckrone, Raegan Wonderly, Liat and Aviv and all the hostages and refugees.